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IRA D. ROTHBERG, MMR NO. 53

Ira Rothberg became infected with the model railroad "bug" while convalescing at the Naval Hospital in Bainbridge in 1945. A "Grey Lady" presented him with a wood and card Varney reefer kit.

During college and graduate school days Ira was a member or affiliated with clubs in Lynbrook, NY, and Pittsburgh and ended up as a lone wolf in Gainesville, Fla. His first job saw him as a charter member of the Jayhawk Club in Topeka, Kans.

Ira went back east where he joined the West Island Club and was a founder of the Sunrise Trail Division of NER.

Ira is in HO and has a fondness for Pennsy, Long Island, and the Old Woman (Ontario and Western, for the uninitiated). He collects cars (500+) and

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locos (100+) and timetables. (He wants to see a Bridgeton and Harrison.) Ira thinks of himself as an operations man but usually finds himself on the wrong end of a screwdriver or pencil or glue pot at the West Island Club.

Ira has had many elective and volunteer positions in his division and region. He is presently assisting the region AP Chairman with his duties. He is 47 years old and a professor of chemistry at Nassau Community College. His wife, Sondra, tolerates model railroading, but secretly enjoys conventions and even built a couple of cars a few years ago.

Ira has Achievement Certificates for Cars, Scenery, Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Dispatcher, Official, Volunteer and Author.